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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 25, 2002

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application on the basis of the following remarks and the attached Declarations, submitted herewith pursuant to 37 CFR §1.132.

REMARKS

The pending claims in the application stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,185,541 ("Scroggie") and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Scroggie and U.S. Patent No. 5,991,739 ("Cupps").